



Agenda Item Number: 1-9-14.9

**SANDOVAL COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Date of Commission
Meeting:**

January 9, 2014

**Division / Elected
Office:**

Fire Department

Staff Contact:

Fire Chief James Maxon

Title of Item:

Sandoval County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Action Requested:

Request a Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 1-9-14.9 Approving the Sandoval County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Summary:

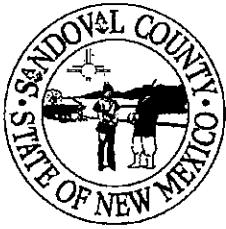
Since 2000, Sandoval County citizens have endured three federal disaster declarations and approximately 120 other documented and significant natural hazard events. The jurisdictions that participated in this planning effort recognize the consequences of disasters and the need to reduce the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards. Through the Hazard Mitigation Plan mitigation actions in the form of projects and programs can become long term cost effective means of reducing the impact of natural and human-caused hazards.

Attachments:

- Resolution No. 1-9-14.9
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Executive Summary

FISCAL IMPACT

The adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan will help Sandoval County continue to receive funding for disasters and the prevention of disasters through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



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STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

County Manager:	Recommend Board of County Commission approval. PPR 01/03/2014
Initiating Elected Official / Division Director:	Recommend Approval JHM 1/2/14
Legal:	Approved as to form. NSD 1/3/14
Finance:	Recommend Approval CCH 1/2/14



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RESOLUTION NO. 1-9-14.9

SANDOVAL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Sandoval County is vulnerable to natural hazards such as flash floods, wildfire, and drought as well as human caused hazards that can result in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the initial Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in August 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Sandoval County has been developed by Sandoval County Emergency Management staff in coordination with elected and appointed officials of Sandoval County; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce loss of human life and property affected by the natural and human-caused hazards that often face the County; and

WHEREAS, a series of public and Planning Team meetings were held to develop and review the Plan to the specifications set forth by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NMDHSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that it hereby adopt, in accordance with all local, state and federal requirements, the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Sandoval County.

DONE at Bernalillo, County of Sandoval, New Mexico, this 9th day of January 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANDOVAL COUNTY**

Chair

Vice Chair

Member

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Eileen Garbagni, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patrick F. Trujillo, County Attorney

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Across the United States, natural and human-caused disasters have led to increasing levels of death, injury, property damage, and interruption of business and government services. The toll on families and individuals can be immense and damaged businesses cannot contribute to an already declining economy. The time, money and effort involved with response to and recovery from these emergencies or disasters divert public resources and attention from other important programs and problems. Since 2000, Sandoval County citizens have endured three federal disaster declaration and approximately 120 other documented and significant natural hazard events. The jurisdictions that participated in this planning effort, recognize the consequences of disasters and the need to reduce the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards. The County and jurisdictions also know that with careful selection, mitigation actions in the form of projects and programs can become long-term, cost effective means for reducing the impact of natural and human-caused hazards.

The elected and appointed officials of Sandoval County, Cochiti Lake, Corrales, Jemez Springs, Rio Rancho, San Ysidro, and the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, demonstrated their commitment to hazard mitigation in 2003-2004 by preparing the *Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sandoval County, New Mexico* (2004 Plan). The 2004 Plan was approved by FEMA on August 31, 2005, and expired on the same day five years later. FEMA requires that all local and tribal hazard mitigation plans be fully updated and resubmitted to the State and FEMA for approval.

In response, the Sandoval County Fire Department secured funding and hired Tectonic Engineering and Surveying, PC to provide consulting services in guiding the planning process and Plan development. JE Fuller/Hydrology was retained by Tectonic as sub-consultant to assist with the effort. Sandoval County organized and reconvened a multi-jurisdictional planning team comprised of veteran and first-time representatives from each participating jurisdiction, various county and local jurisdiction departments and organizations, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, US Forest Service, local Indian Tribes, and several other private, local, and state agencies. The planning team met four times during the period of December 2011 to April 2012 in a collaborative effort to review, evaluate, and update the 2004 Plan.

The resulting *Sandoval County All Hazard Mitigation Plan* (Plan) will continue to guide the county and participating jurisdictions toward greater disaster resistance in full harmony with the character and needs of the community and region.

The Plan has been prepared in compliance with Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act or the Act), 42 U.S. C. 5165, enacted under Sec. 104 the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, (DMA 2000) Public Law 106-390 of October 30, 2000, as implemented at CFR 201.6 dated October, 2007. The Plan summarizes the overall planning process, risk assessment results for selected natural hazards, and mitigation measures intended to eliminate or reduce the effects of future disasters throughout the county. The Plan was developed in a joint and cooperative venture by the members of the Sandoval County planning team and Tectonic consulting team.